

Free and Reduced Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

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National School Lunch Program

• The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally run program through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

• San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) takes part in the NSLP which also includes breakfast and afterschool snacks. We receive cash subsidies and USDA foods from the USDA for each breakfast, lunch and snack meal we serve.



NSLP Reimbursement Rates

Each meal served is subsidized and the amount of the subsidy is based on the meal type and the student's eligibility.

School Breakfast Program

	Free	Reduced-Price	Paid
Basic Breakfast	\$1.66	\$1.36	\$0.29
Especially Needy Breakfast	\$1.99	\$1.69	\$0.29

Note: Especially Needy Breakfast is for approved sites that served 40 percent or more free and reduced-price lunches in 2013-14.

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	Free	Free+6 cents*	Reduced- Price	Reduced- Price+6 cents*	Paid	Paid+6 cents*
Agencies that served less than 60% free/reduced- price lunches in 2013–14	\$3.07	\$3.13	\$2.67	\$2.73	\$0.29	\$0.35
Agencies that served 60% or more free/reduced- price lunches in 2013–14	\$3.09	\$3. <mark>15</mark>	\$2.69	\$2.75	\$0.31	\$0.37
Commodity Value	\$0.3125	\$0.3125	\$0.3125	\$0.3125	\$0.3125	\$0.3125

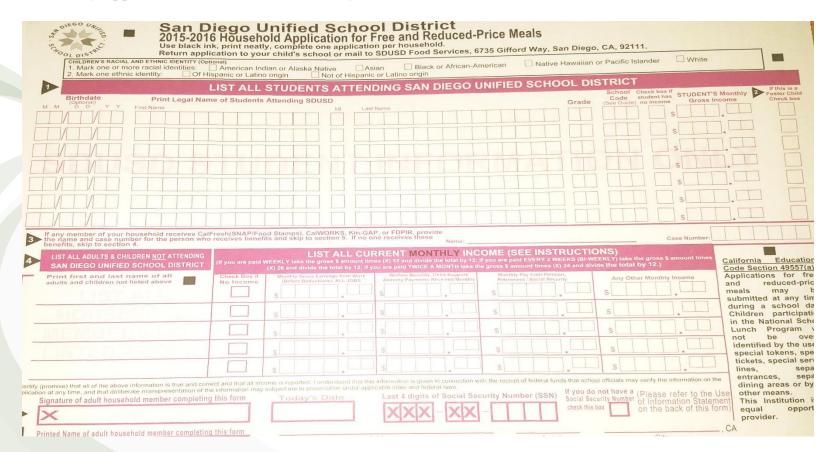
Note: Payments listed for free and reduced-price lunches include both section 4 and section 11 funds of the National School Lunch Act.



Methods to qualify a student for free meals

Application

- Family application based on family size and income being below 130% the poverty level.
- Family application that indicates a family receives CalFresh, CalWorks, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR assistance.





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State Direct Certification — federally mandated for School Nutrition Providers to
match students receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) and
Temporary Assistance for Needy Familys (TANF) and qualify them for Free meals without
further action for the family.

Homeless/Foster/Runaway/Migrant students determined by a district liaison.



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Categorically Eligible

☐ Local Level Data Matching

- San Diego Unified has a local agreement with the San Diego Health & Human Services Agency to match our enrolled students against the children receiving CalFresh and CalWorks benefits.
- As of May 21015, we also have a contract with San Diego Health & Human Services Agency, to match our enrolled students with students receiving Medi-Cal and als and meet the 130% of the poverty level income guidelines. This is a pilot program, that a total of 14 school districts in California are involved with.

Between the two contracts with San Diego Health & Human Services Agency, 17,924 students

above the State match are qualified for free breakfast and lunch.

That is **14%** of our enrollment and **40%** of our total Direct Certifications.

This means that those families can have a nutritious healthy breakfast and lunch for 180 days of the school year, for their students without being burdened with extra paperwork.

That is 6,452,640 meals.



Direct Certification

- ✓ School districts are required to conduct the State direct certification three times per year: once at or around the start of the school year, and again 3 and 6 months after that initial effort.
- ✓ SDUSD completes the State Match, Local Direct Certification and the Medi-Cal Pilot every month.
- ✓ After the matches have been complete, usually by the 10th business day a report is printed that includes students with the same phone number but not all of the students are coded as Directly Certified.
- A three point match is then completed of Phone number, address and head of household. If all three match we code it as Direct Certification sibling match.

✓ Direct Certification challenges

- -Students with hyphenated names, names spelled differently
- -Parent's putting different birthdates
- -Addresses not complete or not coming in the same format we have in our system



Students Approved for Free Meals

				Free
		Total Free	Total Direct	Percentage of
	Total Students	Applications	Certification	Enrollment
Total Student Enrollment	131,975.00	8,230.00	45,313.00	41%
Non-Provision 2 Enrollment	83,091.00	7,415.00	18,150.00	31%
Provision 2 Enrollment	48,884.00	815.00	27,163.00	57%

Free/Reduced percentages as of 10/30/15

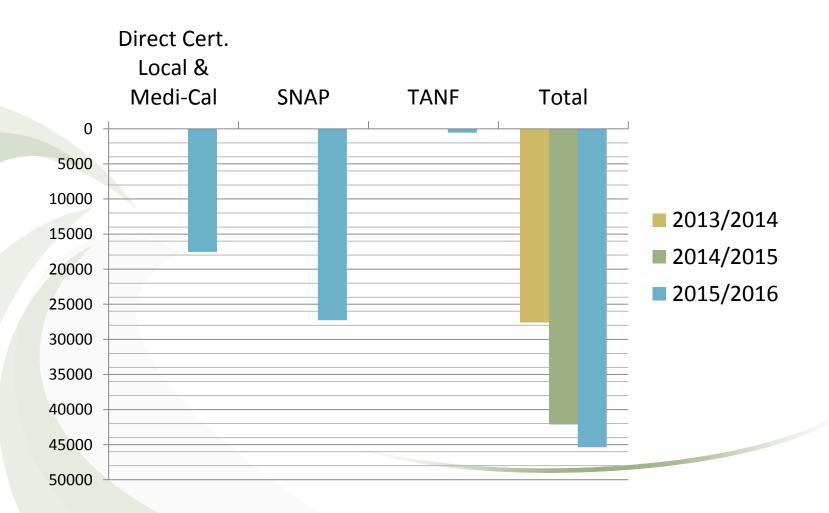
59.52% Total District Wide Free/Reduced Percentages

40.74% Total Non-Prov. 2 percentages

85.34% Total Prov. 2 percentages based on Base year enrollment



Difference with the Medi-Cal Pilot





Direct Certification

- is the most accurate way of identifying students that will receive Free meals
- is guaranteed dollars for the LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula)
- helps our Provision 2 sites renew their Provision 2 status every 4 years
- would help our district consider and possible thrive on Community eligibility



Free meals served to San Diego Unified School District Students

2014/2015 Meals served	Breakfast	Lunch
Free	5,917,897	7,825,669
Reduced	995,958	1,828,707
Paid	918,810	2,279,842
Total	7,832,665	11,934,218

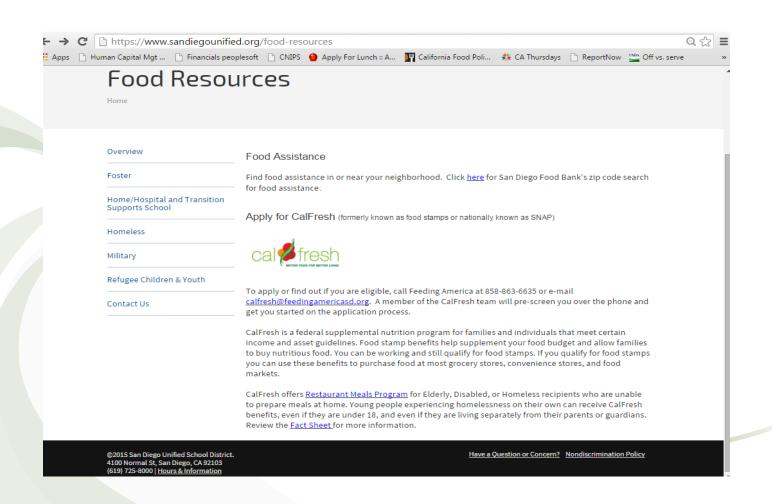
Total Free Meals Served 13,743,566.

Total Meals Served 19,766,688.

69.52% of the meals served are for Free students



Ideas on how to help connect families with Local Health & Human Services.





Any questions?





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